

## Guardian ad Litem Fees

Kids' Voice of Indiana has been appointed by the Court to serve as Guardian ad Litem for the child(ren) involved in this case. Our office will be requesting the Court to order each party in this case to pay a fee of \$300.00 for our services. If the Court approves our fee request, our office will then send you an invoice with the amount for which you are responsible to pay. **You are responsible for these fees regardless of the outcome of the case, including if a case is settled prior to a report being issued.**

**Please note that our Guardian ad Litem volunteers do not receive any compensation for serving on the child(ren)'s case.** However, there are administrative costs associated with the support and resources provided by Kids' Voice of Indiana to the Guardian ad Litem volunteers and to oversee the program. These fees are essential to Kids' Voice being able to continue providing these services and will not be refunded or waived at any point in time unless you qualify for a fee waiver (see Fee Waivers below).

### **Payment Plans:**

Our fees are set amounts and cannot be adjusted. However, we do offer the ability for a party to enter into a payment plan. Our Program Paralegal, Rayann Knepley, will be happy to discuss a plan that accommodates your budget and its limits if needed. You may reach Rayann at 317.558.2870 extension 360.

### **Fee Waivers:**

In addition, we do offer the ability to have the fee waived if certain criteria are met. You *may* be eligible to have your fee waived if one or more of the following circumstances apply to you:

1. You receive Social Security Disability Benefits
2. You receive Social Security
3. You receive food stamps
4. You receive public housing
5. You receive pro bono legal services (free legal services)
6. You are currently incarcerated (a fee may be requested upon your release depending on certain circumstances)

In order for us to review your fee waiver request to determine eligibility, we must have documentation providing proof that one of the above circumstances applies to you. Please submit the documentation for a fee waiver review to our Program Paralegal, Rayann Knepley. You may submit it by:

- Mail: 127 E. Michigan Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204, ATTN: GAL Fee Waiver
- Fax: 317.558.2945
- Email: rknepley@kidsvoicein.org

We do reserve the ability to request an additional fee if a case exceeds 18 months to 2 years. Any additional fees will be one-half of the original fee requested when the case was opened. If your original fee was waived, you do not automatically qualify for your additional fee to be waived. You will need to submit a new fee waiver request.

**Please do not refer questions about your fee to the Guardian ad Litem volunteer on your case.** If you have general questions about your fee, please contact our Program Paralegal, Rayann Knepley, at 317.558.2870 extension 360.